Jersey Jury Chosen For 19 Facing Trial In Nazi Spy Case

By the Associated Press. Star 11

NEWARK, N. J., Mar. 27.—Eight women and four men were chosen as jurors today to try 19 persons on charges they conspired to act as unregistered agents of the Reich while officers and members of the German-American Vocational League.

Also on trial with the individual defendants are the league itself and a subsidiary, the DAB Recreational Resort, Inc., which operates a camp at Bloomingdale, N. J.

The specific charges are conspiracy to violate the Notification Act of 1917 and to defraud the United States Government, and conspiracy to violate the Foreign Agents Act of 1938.

Defense Counsel Mark Townsend of Jersey City asked prospective jurors whether they had read either of two books, "Sabotage" or "Undercover." One venireman who said he had read "Sabotage" was excused although Judge Thomas F. Meaney ruled the book could be read with an "open mind."

The defense attorney also asked the veniremen if they had listened to the Martin Dies and Walter Winchell radio broadcasts last night. After conferring with counsel for both sides, Judge Meaney announced he would not permit the question to be answered.

Among the defendants in the trial are:

Otto Greiner, Chicago, national deputy; Hans Flohr, Rochester, N. Y.; Theodore Koehn, New York, editor of the DAB magazine; Gustav Schmidt, Chicago, member of the national board of directors; Hermann H. Gastreich, Kansas City; Albert Keisler, Detroit, member of the national board of directors; Karl T. Marx, New York; John Kobbe, Rochester; Otto Bremmer, Philadelphia; Walter Schall, San Francisco; Emil Schneider, San Francisco; Guenther Gibbe, San Francisco; Albert Robert Bertram, New York; Emil Roedel, San Francisco; Paul F. L. Sievers, San Francisco.

Eight others, whom the Government hopes to bring to trial later, are Fred Puttig, now believed in Germany; Emil Socha, New York; Fritz Zeglin, employe of the German consulate in New York, now believed in Germany; Kurt Beyer, employe of the German consulate in San Francisco, now believed in Germany; Hans Nissen, Chicago; Hans Meissner, Philadelphia; Franz K. Ferenz, Los Angeles, now in San Quentin Prison for violation of the California sedition law, and Hans Bjornsen, Los Angeles.